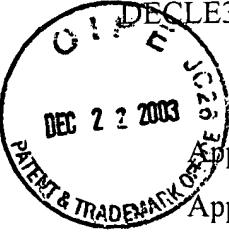


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Examiner : Huynh, Phuong N.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment After Final Rejection in 6 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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